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FOOLS--AS YOUR
MASTER HAS
DECREEED YOU
MUST!

IN THE END,
THE ONLY
VICTOR SHALL BE
LOKI,
GOD OF EVIL!

BECAUSE YOU DEMANDED IT...

THE MASTER OF
THE MYSTIC ARTS
BATTLES

THOR
GOD OF THUNDER!

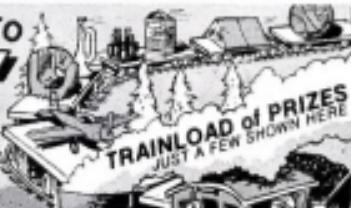
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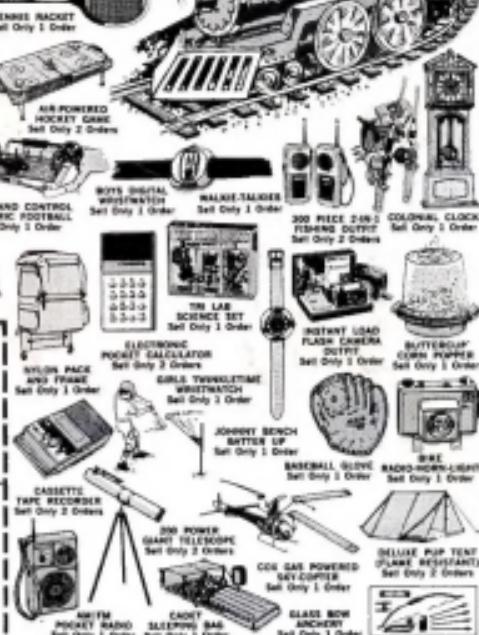


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MASTER
OF THE
MYSTIC ARTS

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BONUS
ATTRACTION!
THE
GUEST
STAR
OF THIS
TALE
IS...



THE MIGHTY
THOR

DRAWN IN
THE SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT
DITKO-STYLE!

(IN FACT, IT'S SO
BLAMED DIFFERENT,
WE'RE TRYING TO
HIDE IT FROM
JOLLY JACK KIRBY!)

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EVEN WHEN HE RESTS, THE MYSTERIOUS DR. STRANGE PRACTICES HIS MYSTIC ARTS... AS HE IS DOING NOW, IN THE SILENT PRIVACY OF HIS GREENWICH VILLAGE RETREAT...

THE ART OF LEVITATION IS BUT ONE OF MANY I MUST MASTERS IN ORDER TO BE WORTHY OF MY CALLING!



BUT, LITTLE DOES DR. STRANGE SUSPECT THAT SINISTER EYES ARE WATCHING HIM FROM AN UNIMAGINABLE DISTANCE AWAY... FROM THE LEGENDARY LAND OF ASGARD, HOME OF THE FABLED NORSE GODS!

HAH! I HAVE FOUND HIM! HE IS THE ONE MAN WHO CAN HELP ME TO DEFEAT MY DESPISED ARCH-ENEMY, THOR, THE THUNDER GOD!



THOUGH I AM COMPELLED TO REMAIN A PRISONER HERE IN ASGARD, BY DIRECT COMMAND OF ODDIN HIMSELF, I SHALL STILL FIND A WAY TO ACHIEVE MY AIM!



I SHALL DECEIVE DR. STRANGE! AFTER ALL, HE IS MERELY A HUMAN, WHILE I AM LOKI, GOD OF MISCHIEF, PRINCE OF EVIL! I SHALL TRICK DR. STRANGE INTO STEALING THOR'S ACCURSED HAMMER-- THUS, ODDIN WILL NEVER KNOW THAT I AM THE REAL CULPRIT!!



IT IS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR ME TO SEND A SPIRIT TYPE BODY TO EARTH, IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE UNWITTING MORTAL WHO SHALL SOON SERVE ME!



AND SO IT COMES TO PASS THAT A STARTLING FIGURE SUDDENLY APPEARS BEFORE THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS...

I AM LOKI!! THE EVIL THOR HAS PUT ME IN CHAINS AS YOU SEE! I NEED YOUR HELP MORTAL ONE!



"THOR? BUT--I
THOUGHT THAT
HE FOUGHT
ONLY FOR
RIGHT AND
JUSTICE!"

"NO! HE HAS DECEIVED THE
HUMAN RACE, EVEN AS HE NOW
DECEIVES HIS FATHER, ODIN! HE
PLANS TO **CONQUER** MANKIND--
AND HE CHAINED ME THUS WHEN
I TRIED TO COME TO EARTH TO
WARN HUMANITY!"



"ONLY THOR'S ENCHANTED
HAMMER CAN SET ME
FREE! YOU ARE MY
LAST HOPE! CAN YOU
GET HIS HAMMER FOR
ME?"

"MY SPELLS WILL NOT
WORK AGAINST SO
ALIEN AN OBJECT! IF
ONLY I HAD SOME-
THING MADE OF THE
SAME MATERIAL..."



"I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT.
WOULD BE EASY TO DECEIVE
HIM! MORTALS ARE ALL
ALIKE--SO TRUSTING--SO
UNUSED TO DEALING WITH
ONE WHO IS THOROUGHLY
EVIL!"

I
CAN SENSE
THAT THERE IS
MORE TO LOKI'S
STORY THAN HE
HAS TOLD! BUT,
I SHALL SEE
WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT...



"BUT I ESCAPED, AND I CAME TO YOU--THE ONE
HUMAN WHO MIGHT BELIEVE--WHO MIGHT HELP!"

"LET ME SEE WHAT MY
MAGIC AMULET REVEALS!
AH--I CAN FEEL THE
EVIL FORCE OF THOSE
CHAINS!"

"THEY
WILL
NOT
BREAK!"



"HERE! I HAVE CARRIED
THIS FOR AGES! IT IS A
SLIVER FROM THE LEATHER
THONG WHICH DANGLES
FROM HIS HAMMER!"

"GOOD! THAT IS ALL
I NEED IN ORDER
TO CAST A SPELL!"



"IN THE NAME OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU...
BY THE POWER OF THE DEATHLESS VISHANTI...
I CALL UPON THE HOSTS OF HOGGOOTH! HEED
THE WORDS OF THY MORTAL SERVANT!"



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HE'S DONE IT!
THAT HAND
WILL GET
THE HAMMER
FOR ME!



WHILE MILES AWAY, THE MIGHTY THUNDER GOD RETURNS FROM A MISSION ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD - FAMOUS AVENGERS!



THEN, SUDDENLY...



WHILE LOKI VIEWS THE SCENE BY SUPERNATURAL MEANS OF HIS OWN...



I CANNOT FLY WITH-OUT MY HAMMER!



ARMED WITH THE HAMMER OF THOR, AND WITH MY OWN POWERS, EARTH WILL BE MINE TO RULE!! AND THEN, SOME DAY, PERHAPS ASGARD, TOO!

MEANTIME, DR. STRANGE MAKES A VITAL DISCOVERY...

THE SLIVER FROM THOR'S HAMMER REGISTERS NO EVIL IN THE LIGHT OF MY AMULET! THAT MEANS THE EVIL CAME FROM LOKI--NOT FROM THOR!



BACH, WITLESS MORTAL! YOU HAVE LEARNED THE TRUTH TOO LATE!

NOT SO, EVIL LOKI! I STILL HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE SPELL!



BAN! YOUR POWER IS NOTHING COMPARED WITH LOKI!

THERE IS NO NEED TO DECEIVE YOU ANY LONGER WITH THESE IMAGINARY CHAINS... LET THEM BE GONE!



IN THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT ONE -- YOU ARE MY PRISONER!

WHAT? YOU DARE IT?



SEE HOW EASILY I CAST OFF YOUR SP'LS! DO YOU NOT YET REALIZE THAT YOU'RE FACING ONE OF THE IMMORTALS?

I ONLY KNOW THAT YOU ARE EVIL!



AND ALL THINGS OF EVIL ARE MY ENEMIES!

MY POWER IS LESS THAN NORMAL BECAUSE I AM HERE IN MY SPIRIT FORM-- BUT IT IS STILL FAR GREATER THAN HIS!



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IT GROWS TIGHTER AND TIGHTER! BUT, THE LIGHT OF MY AMULET SHALL BATHE IT WITH THE BURNING BEAM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!



NOW-- LET MY AMULET'S BEAM GLOW EVEN BRIGHTER-- LET IT GO FORTH TO THE LIMIT OF ITS POWER-- AT THE COMMAND OF DR. STRANGE!!!



LOKI'S CAGE IS SHATTERED!! I KNOW! THAT NO CREATION OF EVIL COULD WITHSTAND THE LIGHT OF MY CHARMED AMULET!!



BLAST YOU, MORTAL! I'LL GET YOU YET!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY, EVIL ONE! PROVIDED YOU CAN TELL WHICH OF US IS THE LIVING DR. STRANGE!



MAN! YOU THINK TO FOIL LOKI WITH SO SIMPLE AN ILLUSION?

I NEED NOT FIND THE REAL FIGURE OF YOU! I'VE POWER ENOUGH TO DESTROY ALL AT ONCE!



WHERE! WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHICH OF YOU IS GENUINE?? I'VE JUST DEFEATED ALL OF YOU!

LOKI IS SO SURE OF HIMSELF--SO OVERCONFIDENT, THAT IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM *ANYONE* OF THOSE FIGURES WERE REALLY ME! HE DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT I'M NEXT DOOR--REVERTING TO MY ECTOPLASMIC FORM...



NO SOONER ARE THE DRAMATIC WORDS UTTERED, THAN THE IRON GLOVE FADES INTO THE NOTHINGNESS FROM WHENCE IT HAD COME...



...AND TIME SPINS BACK, BACK, BACK... UNTIL, BEFORE THOR'S FALL IS FINISHED...



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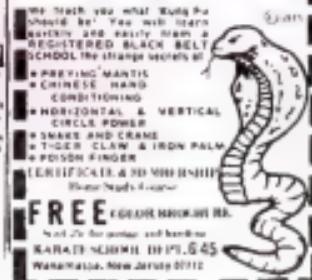
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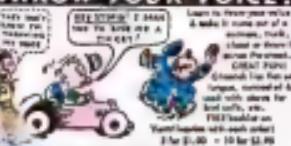


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OH, ANCIENT ONE -- I REGRET THAT I HAVE FAILED YOU! ALL YOUR YEARS OF TEACHING ARE TO BE WASTED! FORGIVE ME, VENERABLE MASTER!

THAT STREAK IN THE SKY--IT'S THOR! HE MUST NOT FIND ME HERE!

MUST RETURN TO ASGARD!! -- MADE IT!! WITH MICRO-SECONDS TO SPARE!! BUT, SOME DAY DR. STRANGE WILL PAY FOR FRUSTRATING MY PLAN! LOKI NEVER FORGETS!



SUDDENLY, MY LURU HAMMER TINGLE'S NO MORE! WHAT-EVER DANGER HAS BEEN HERE IS NOW GONE!

PERHAPS I SHALL NEVER KNOW WHAT REALLY TRANSPRIRED--BUT I FEEL THAT SOME DAY I WILL LEARN THE TRUTH!

AND, ALONE ONCE MORE INSIDE HIS SHADOWY DWELLING, DR. STRANGE SLOWLY WAITS FOR THE STRENGTH TO RETURN TO HIS EXHAUSTED BODY...



AND YET, SOME OMNIPOTENT POWER HAS SO ARRANGED THE UNIVERSE THAT GOOD MUST ALWAYS PREVAIL! FOR EVERY MIGHTY VILLAIN, THERE IS A MIGHTIER HERO! FOR EVERY MENACING ENEMY OF MANKIND, THERE IS A FIGHTING AVENGER!



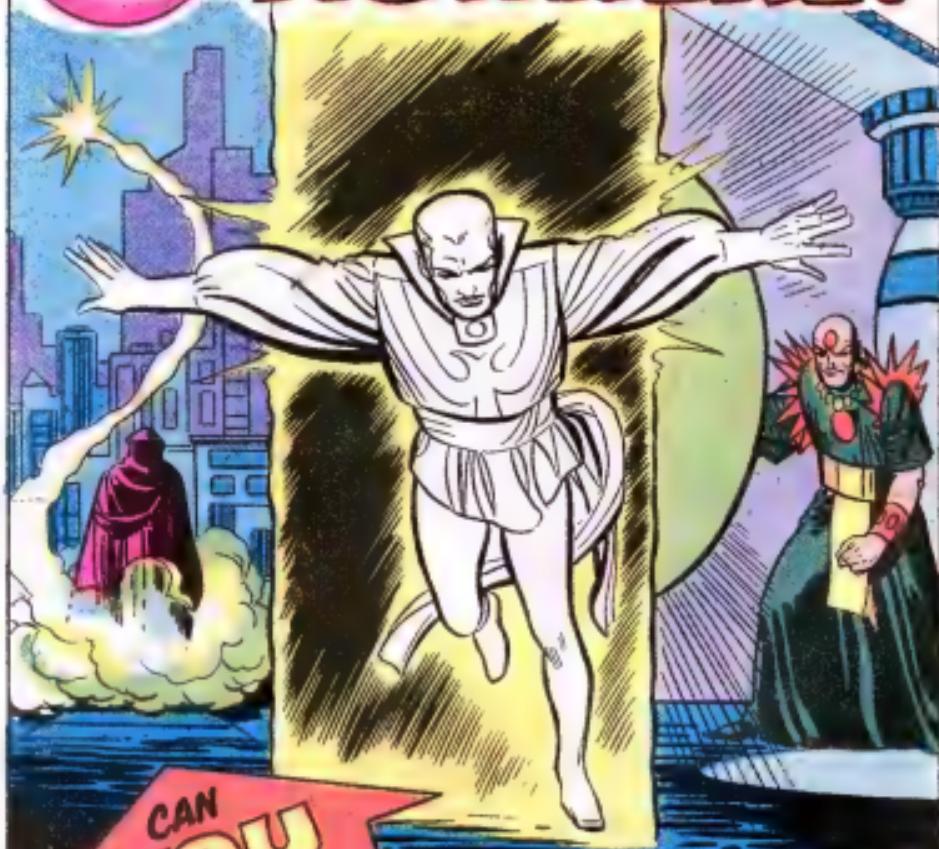
NATURALLY, THERE APPEARS IN HIS OWN MAGAZINE, AS WELL AS BEING FEATURED IN THE AVENGERS! AS FOR LOKI, HE'LL POP UP AGAIN, BUT YOU KNOW US--IT'LL BE WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT! AND OF COURSE, DR. STRANGE WILL BE BACK IN DECEMBER'S STRANGE TALES JUST AS SURE AS EVERY LITTLE HOGGOOTH GROWS UP TO BE A DEATHLESS VISHANTI!

DR. STRANGE

MASTER OF THE
MYSTIC ARTS.

THE
MYSTERY
OF...

"THE LADY FROM NOWHERE!"



CAN
YOU
GUESS THE
IDENTITY OF
THE LADY FROM
NOWHERE??

WRITTEN INSIDE A HAUNTED HOUSE

By: STAN LEE

ILLUSTRATED INSIDE A GYPSY'S TENT

By: STEVE DITKO

INKED INSIDE A HIDDEN CAVE

By: GEO. ROUSSOS

LETTERED INSIDE... BECAUSE IT WAS
RAINING OUTSIDE. By: S. ROSEN

EVER A MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC NEEDS A LITTLE RELAXATION NOW AND THEN! DR. STRANGE GETS HIS RELAXATION BY FLYING OVER THE CITY AT MIDNIGHT, IN HIS ECTOPLASMIC, OR SPIRIT FORM...



BUT SUNDENLY HIS SMOOTH FLIGHT IS DISTURBED BY AN EVIL AURA THAT APPEARS IN HIS PATH... AN AURA DENOTING THE PRESENCE OF ANOTHER FORM OF BLACK MAGIC, SOMEWHERE IN THE VAST, GLOOMY METROPOLIS...



I MUST TRACE THIS MYSTIC VAPOR... FOLLOW IT TO ITS SOURCE! I MUST LEARN WHAT IT SIGNIFIES!



AND THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED EYES OF DR. STRANGE, A FIGURE TAKES SHAPE, SLOWLY, MAGICALLY...



IT IS A GIRL! BUT I CAN SENSE THAT SHE IS NOT THE SOURCE OF THE MAGIC! SHE IS MERELY ITS VICTIM!!



IT IS MY SACRED DUTY TO HELP ALL WHO ARE MENACED BY MAGICAL CHARMS. AND YET, MY AMULET CANNOT BREAK HER SPELL!

I MUST TRULY BE OPPOSING A PRACTITIONER WHO IS AS WELL VERSED IN THE MYSTIC ARTS AS I!



AND THEN, PLACING A VEIL OF INVISIBILITY TO MORTAL EYES ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM, DR. STRANGE GENTLY GUIDES THE TROUBLED GIRL TOWARDS HIS OWN GREENWICH VILLAGE LABORATORY...



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FINALLY, REACHING HIS MYSTERIOUS DWELLING, THE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS RETURNS TO HIS NORMAL PHYSICAL SELF, AND RETURN...

SO STRONG IS THE SPELL SHE IS UNDER, THAT NONE OF MY CHANTS CAN BREAK IT!!



BUT SHE **MUST** BE AIDED! CALL UPON THE INNER EYE OF MY ENCHANTED AMULET TO RISE... TO HEED MY COMMANDS!



LET IT BECOME ONE WITH MY OWN SENSES! LET IT PIERCE DEEP INTO THE MIND OF THE ONE WHO SITS BEFORE ME... LET IT PIERCE THE CURTAIN OF FOG AROUND HER BRAIN!!



AND THEN, AS THE POWERFUL AMULET RADIATES WITH AN UNBARTHLY GLOW, BATHING THE CHAMBER WITH MAGICAL LIGHT...

THIS IS FAR MORE INCREDIBLE THAN I GUessed'



ONCE AGAIN, I MUST ASSUME MY ECTOPLASMIC FORM... FOR THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE A JOURNEY HALE, MAY AROUND THE WORLD!



FOR THOSE FEW OF YOU WHO ARE UNVERSED IN THE WAYS OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, A SORCERER, TRAVELING IN HIS ECTOPLASMIC FORM, MAY REACH ANY SPOT IN SECONDS... FOR HE IS NOT BOUND TO ORDINARY NATURAL LAWS OF TIME OR MOTION...

THERE IS THE PLACE I SEEK... THE CASTLE OF THE ANCIENT ONE!



AND THERE, ON THE HIGHEST HILL IN TIBET, DR. STRANGE SPEAKS WITH HIS VENERABLE MASTER, THE LEARNED ANCIENT ONE, WHO HAS TAUGHT HIM ALL HE KNOWS OF THE ART OF SORCERY!

YOUR TALE INTERESTS ME, MY SON! BUT FOR THE ANSWER, YOU SEEK, YOU MUST LEAVE THIS AGE AND JOURNEY BACK... BACK INTO ENDLESS TIME!

I TOO, FELT THE ANSWER MUST LIE SOMEWHERE IN THE PAST! I CRAVE PERMISSION TO JOURNEY BACK THROUGH THE YEARS, NOBLE MASTER!



PERMISSION GRANTED, MY SON! BUT YOU MUST HAVE A CARE! MY HAND SHALL BE UNABLE TO REACH OUT THROUGH THE YEARS TO HELP YOU! YOU WILL BE TRULY ON YOUR OWN!

THAT IS AS IT SHOULD BE, WORTHY MASTER! DR. STRANGE MUST NEVER SHirk HIS DUTY!



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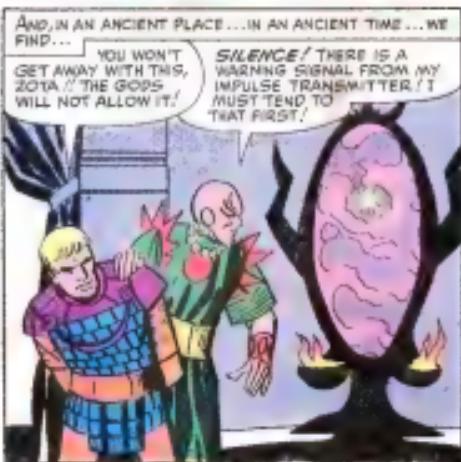
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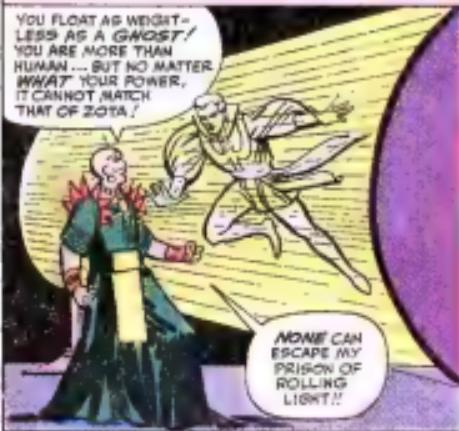
FOOL!! YOU THOUGHT TO ATTACK THE ALL-POWERFUL ZOTA!!

SO WHO IS MY ENEMY? WAIT... WHAT IS THIS BEAM OF LIGHT? IT HAS NO PHYSICAL FORM, AND YET, IT COULD IMPRISON ANY MAN!!



BUT DR. STRANGE IS NOT JUST ANY MAN!

YOU FLOAT AS WEIGHTLESS AS A GHOST! YOU ARE MORE THAN HUMAN... BUT NO MATTER HOW FIERCE YOUR POWER, IT CANNOT MATCH THAT OF ZOTA!



MEANTIME, BACK IN TIBET, THE AGED ANCIENT ONE WATCHES THE MYSTIC CANDLE BURN, AS THE PRECIOUS SECONDS TICK BY...

THE FLAME HAS BURNED HALF-WAY THROUGH! WE MUST RETURN IN TIME! IF HE DOES NOT... WHO WILL PROTECT THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AGAINST THE POWERS OF DARKNESS??



BUT NOT FOR NOTHING HAS DOCTOR STRANGE BEEN CALLED THE GREATEST SORCERER OF THEM ALL! WITHIN SECONDS, HIS AMAZING MIND DESIRES A PLAN...

LET THE LIGHT OF MY AMULET CAUSE THAT SMOKE TO RISE AND SHIFT!



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AND NOW TO LEARN YOUR EVIL SECRET, ZOTA!



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MEANTIME, THE MASTER SORCERER TRAVELS ALONG A PATH WHICH NO NORMAL HUMAN COULD SEE OR TOUCH! ...A PATH ILLUMINATED AND HELD IN POSITION BY THE SHEER MENTAL POWER OF THE MYSTICAL ANCIENT ONE!



BUT, EVEN THE WISEST OF WIZARDS CANNOT DELAY THE FLICKERING OF THE ENCHANTED CANDLE! AND, DESPITE THE SPEED OF DOCTOR STRANGE... DESPITE THE MENTAL POWER OF THE ALL-KNOWING ANCIENT ONE... THE CANDLE FLICKERS! ITS LAST... AND DIES OUT!



IT IS TOO LATE! HE HAS NOT RETURNED! I CAN CONJURE UP THE SPIRIT PATH FOR HIM NO LONGER! HE IS TRAPPED FOREVER, IN THE AGELESS PAST!



BUT, THOUGH NOT AS STRONG AS THAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE, DR. STRANGE, TOO, HAS A BRAIN WHICH CAN ACCOMPLISH THE SEEMingly IMPOSSIBLE! ALTHOUGH THE PATH BEGINS TO VANISH, LIKE DARKNESS IN THE DAWN, HE BRINGS HIS OWN WILL INTO PLAY!

BY THE SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM... I FORBID THE DARKNESS TO CLOSE IN!



THE LIGHT MUST REMAIN! BY THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAGGEDOR, I MUST FOLLOW THE ENCHANTED PATH JUST A FEW SECONDS LONGER!



BUT DESPITE HIS COURAGE, HIS INDOMITABLE WILL, THE TASK PROVES TOO MUCH FOR THE MASTER MAGICIAN...

THE LIGHT IS FADING AGAIN... ONLY A SLIVER REMAINS... AND NOW, THAT TOO IS VANISHING!



WITHOUT THE MYSTICAL PATH OF LIGHT, THERE IS NO WAY FOR HIM EVER TO RETURN! HAVE I TRAINED HIM SO LONG... HAVE I TAUGHT HIM SO MUCH... HAVE I LOVED HIM SO DEEPLY... ONLY TO LOSE HIM NOW?? ...SO SuddenLy... SO SENSELESSLY!

MY LIMBS ARE OLD... MY POWERS FADING! I NEEDED HIM! I NEEDED THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ONE DAY ME WOULD TAKE MY PLACE, TO KEEP THE FLAME OF ENCHANTMENT ALIVE! BUT NOW... IT IS OVER! IT WAS ALL IN VAIN! ALL FOR NAUGHT!



AND, EVEN AS THE ANCIENT ONE REPROACHES HIMSELF, DR. STRANGE FLOATS WEIGHTLESSLY, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LIMBO AND THE SHADoWY ENDLESS PAST!

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A GARGANTUAN GALLERY OF GARULOUS GOINGS-ON GUARANTEED TO GARNER YOUR GRATITUDE!

IT'S LIVIN' SOFTBALL!

It's time to wish Marvelous Marc Wolfman lotsa luck as he takes over the editorship of our color comics from Len Wein. As for Len, he'll be serving as consulting editor, to give him more time for script-writing, as in the case of Editor Emeritus Roy Thomas about a year ago, remember? And Amiable Archie Goodwin says we shouldn't worry about the black-and-white mags 'cause he'll be handling them in the usual maniacal Marvel manner—whatever that means!

Now, here's some zingy news for all you True Believers who shop 7-ELEVEN. All summer long, more than 5,000 7-ELEVEN neighborhood stores are featuring 60 great Marvel superheros and villains on their famous Slurpee cups. Yea, you get a new, Marvel-designed, full-color collector's cup every time you buy a Slurpee drink! And if one of the cups shows a weebegone wretch in a scraggly moustache, it's not a mistake. Some wise guy slipped in a drawing of me—in a superhero suit! But don't worry—they won't charge you extra for it!!

Next, a couple of personal notes. I just wanna say "Hi" to Terific Terry Gilliam and the other cataclysmic cultists of MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS. (How many of you recognized ol' Terry when we were sitting together swapping bald ripostes at last Easter's Mighty Marvel Con?) Also, another "Hi" to Angelic Angels Bowie, and her titanically talented Hubby, Dashin' David Bowie. The three of us are planning a real far-out surprise for Marveldom Assembled, if we can ever get together long enough to nail it down! In fact, if you latch onto some of the issues of our latest smash publication, CELEBRITY, you'll be seeing Terry, Angela, David, and a whole kaboodle of other headliners who fill our little world with so much fun and excitement.

And now I leave you with the immortal words of Irving Fornash: "It's time to take a troll to test!" (But only if he's got a credit card!)

Excelsior!

ITEM! While the rest of you are frolicking in mid-Summer, thanks to the time-warp involved in printing these mags, your bold Bulpen Buddies are just getting into the pursuits of Spring, sunshine, and (ta ta!) SOFTBALL! Once again, we've fearlessly challenged a host of the city's major publishing houses to compete on the field of honor in fast and furious softball action. We're not gonna say how we fared

when we waged the good fight against SPORTS ILLUSTRATED or TIME MAGAZINE (you can't win 'em all, Inv.), but we did beat JOHN R. WILEY & SONS by a sense-shattering score of 18 to 7. The Marvel madmen were in great form that day. Stay tuned, fans—and we'll keep you posted on our favorite softball team's pulse-pounding progress as the season rolls on!

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bring back memories of those halcyon days of radio drama! (And if you think that's all Marvel's doing with the wireless, you just keep an eye on future Bulpen Bulletins!) Congrats to Jumping JIM MOONEY and his wife ANNE on the arrival of NOLLE, a bouncing baby girl. Nolle hasn't started pencilin yet, but you can be sure we'll sign her up the moment she does! Has anybody seen STEVE GERBER? Since he finished editing the special "Paranoia" issue of CRAZY MAGAZINE, he's been hiding out from MARV WOLFMAN and the rest of the crew. Talk about getting into one's work! Likely LEN WEIN is getting into the scripting sowing of things since descending from his editorial throne. Look for his amazing authorial touch on IRON MAN and THOR in the months to come! (Not to mention a couple of minor titles called SPIDER-MAN and the HULK!) Big news for Golden Avenger land! After years of drawing the HULK for us, Happy HERB TRIMPE will be switching over to IRON MAN! It seems Herb wanted some relief from all those issues of green, and more green, and even more green. Now if we could only figure out what to do with a certain jade giant who's been sulking around the office ever since! And how about a quick welcome for the newest editors of our bombastic line of British weeklies: Diabolical DUFFY VOLHARD and Mischievous MICHELE BRAND! (A quick welcome is really all they have time for—what with seven weeklies now in production from their overworked department!) Some True Believers who have been favored with responses to their littin' letters have been wondering exactly who it is that takes time out to write those mighty missives. Well, say "Hello" to Bouncing BONNIE SMITH, whose Olympian task it is to read and sort that ton of mail which arrives at 575 Madison Avenue every day. Bonnie is taking over for Meticolous MICHELE WOLFMAN, who is currently pursuing a promising career as Marvel's latest—possibly greatest—colorist! Best wishes to both of these Bulpen beauties! Congrats to TONY (the Tiger) ISABELLA, not only for breaking his leg on Marvel's ballfield during the famed softball game against WILEY, but for rejoining our sensational staff and becoming engaged to Beautiful BABE KEPKE all in the same month. Who knew she's too good for you, but what else is new? Impish IRENE VARTANOFF, Sparklin' SCOTT EDELMAN, and Pushy ROGER SLIFER didn't do anything this go-round, but they threatened to attack us if we didn't mention them!

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I THOUGHT YOU HAD FAILED! BUT, I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED... FROM THE VERY FIRST TIME YOU CAME TO ME... YOU WERE NEVER THE TYPE TO FAIL!

AND THE GIRL... WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED OF HER??

SHE WAS SENT HERE FROM THE PAST BY ONE WHO LOVED HER, BUT WHOM SHE HAD SCORNED! BUT I HAVE SHORN HIM OF HIS POWER FOREVER!



AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER, DR. STRANGE RETURNS TO WHERE THE MYSTERIOUS WOMAN STILL SILENTLY WAITS, AS HE AGAIN ASSUMES HIS NORMAL PHYSICAL FORM...

YOU NEED FEAR ZOTA NO MORE! HIS POWER OVER YOU IS ENDED!

THOUGH YOU ARE STILL ENTRANCED... THOUGH YOU CANNOT ANSWER... I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR MY WORDS... I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND!



AND NOW, BY THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK... LET YOUR SPELL BE LIFTED... LET THE VEIL OF AGES FALL AWAY! YOU ARE FREE NOW! FREE TO RETURN TO YOUR OWN AGE, YOUR OWN LAND, FREE TO REJOIN THE MAN YOU LOVE... THE MAN WHOM EVIL ZOTA HAD TRIED TO DESTROY!



THEN GO, CLEOPATRA, QUEEN OF THE NILE! GO, BACK TO THE ARMS OF MARK ANTONY... BACK TO THE DESTINY THAT AWAITS YOU!



RETURN TO EGYPT, TO THE DIM SHADOWY PAST! BY THE POWER OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU, LET THE MISTS OF TIME ENVELOP YOU... LET THE CENTURIES RECLAIM THEIR OWN...



AND THEN, NOTHING REMAINS BUT THE SILENCE! A SILENCE SO THICK, SO HEAVY, ONE CAN ALMOST FEEL IT! BUT, LET NO MAN BREAK THAT SILENCE... FOR WITHIN ITS AWESOME DEPTHS STANDS THE FIGURE OF DR. STRANGE... PONDERING, LOST IN THOUGHT... WAITING FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE TO HIS MYSTIC POWER! AND, WHEN THAT CHALLENGE COMES, YOU SHALL BE THERE TO SHARE IT WITH HIM IN THIS, THE MOST ACCLAIMED NEW SERIES IN THE ANNALS OF MECROMANCY!

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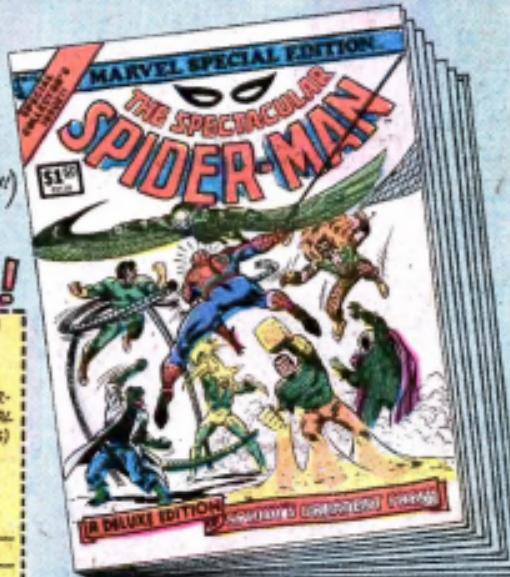
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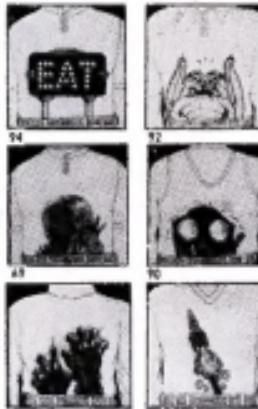
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REAL ESTATE <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Training	ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN <input type="checkbox"/> Technician Training	MOTEL/HOTEL MANAGEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Training
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